

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2009**

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Bob Marabella	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource Coordinator
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Blake Fannesbeck	Public Works Manager
	Sue Hill	City Librarian
	Paul Larsen	Economic Development Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Mike Nelsen	Police Lieutenant
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police
EXCUSED:	Bruce Christensen	Councilmember

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Christensen, who was out of town. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Ericson. The scouts in the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2009 Council and Executive Session was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen. The motion was seconded and carried. Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

**PUBLIC COMMENT
CONSENT**

- Appointments and Reappointments to the Heritage and Cultural Arts Board
- Appointments to the Natural History Museum Task Force
- Reappointment to the Shade Tree Commission
- Promotion in Police Department
- New Hire, Library
- Appointments and Reappointments to the Planning Commission
- Appointment to Recreation and Parks Commission
- Reappointments to Volunteer Center Advisory Board

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

- Request for Support of Northern Utah Landfill Regional Association (NURLA)

NEW BUSINESS

- 2008 Crime Report
- Discussion on Commuter Rail

MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OTHER BUSINESS

- Cancellation of April 16, 2009 Council Meeting
- Senator Bennett's Rural Business Conference

CLAIMS

- Payment Register

Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Individual Everyday Hero Award

Mayor Christensen presented the Individual Everyday Hero Award to Dr. Carey Lloyd. He was nominated by Elaine Williams. Dr. Lloyd has been a member of the Youth Empowerment Team for over five years, serving as Chair for the last two years. During his time as Chair, he has met weekly with the Community Coordinator and has contributed between 2-5 hours a week in promoting positive healthy youth. He is a powerful example of dedicating his life for the benefit of the youth.

Presentation to CERT Graduates

Mayor Christensen presented certificates to the following CERT graduates: Lynn Poulsen, Marilyn Poulsen, Brian Poulsen, Ralph Richards, Penny Richards and Carol Barelo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Van Dyke, Chair of the Box Elder County Commission - Commissioner Van Dyke announced that the County has scheduled two additional public comment periods regarding NURLA. One on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Road Sheds in Tremonton and the following week at the County Courthouse also at 6:30. He invited the residents of Brigham City as well as the Council and Mayor to attend these meetings. The Commission's purpose is to gather information to help direct the Commission in any decision they may make.

CONSENT

Appointments and Reappointments to the Heritage and Cultural Arts Board

It was recommended the following appointments and reappointments be made to the Heritage and Cultural Arts Board:

- JaNeal Rogers - reappointed and appointed as Chair
- Jolene Kawa - appointed as Vice Chair
- Beth Gurrister and Lori Hunsaker - reappointed as members
- Sharalee Harrison - appointed as member

Appointments to the Natural History Museum Task Force

David Harrison was recommended for appointment to the Natural History Museum Task Force.

Reappointment to the Shade Tree Commission

It was also recommended Mike Phillips and Adelle Woodworth be reappointed to the Shade Tree Commission.

Promotion in Police Department

It was recommended Stacy Nelson be hired as a full-time Police Records Clerk, Grade 33, effective March 23, 2009.

New Hire, Library

Mary Wendel was recommended for hire as a part-time Library Page, Grade 8, effective March 23, 2009.

Appointments and Reappointments to the Planning Commission

It was recommended the following appointments and reappointments be made to the Planning Commission:

- Paul Fowler - Reappointed
- Larry Jensen - Appointed member from 1st alternate
- Eve Jones - Appointed to 1st alternate
- Rob Munns - Appointed as 2nd alternate

Appointment to Recreation and Parks Commission

It was recommended Katie Shepherd serve as a member of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Reappointments to Volunteer Center Advisory Board

It was recommended Renae Allen and Bea Thurston be reappointed to the Volunteer Center Advisory Board.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen, seconded and carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Request for Support of Northern Utah Landfill Regional Association (NURLA)

Mr. Nathan Rich from Wasatch Integrated Waste/Davis County said Commissioner Hardy asked him to provide the Council with information. He said NURLA still feels there is some value with a shared community landfill. They realize that any landfill in Box Elder County is something that needs full support of the County. At this point, NURLA has stepped back and all members have committed to at least another year as a member of the organization. They have sent a letter to the County Commissioners asking them to come up with some ideas on ways to proceed. One idea that was brought to them is to get some public input and allow the Commission to come up with some ideas to bring to NURLA. Another idea that has been talked about would still involve a Little Mountain landfill and rather than a purchase arrangement, maybe a long-term lease. At this time, NURLA is trying to provide a supporting role. They still think a municipal-owned landfill is important.

Councilmember Ericson asked why Mr. Rich is coming to Brigham City to ask for support. So far it has been a County issue. Mr. Rich said Commissioner Hardy asked him to come to the Brigham City Council meeting and present information regarding the landfill. In terms of support, he felt the potential landfill project in Box Elder County can benefit all communities. He asked for Brigham City's support in working with them to determine an arrangement that would provide some benefit. He felt that NURLA spent a lot of time putting together a project they felt made a lot of sense, but ultimately it did not work in Box Elder County. At this point, they would like the County to make a recommendation of what will work.

Councilmember Marabella said he would like to see the numbers of what the citizens will save if the City joins NURLA.

Councilmember Ruth Jensen felt that the County Commissioners should be giving the presentation and updating the Council on what is going on.

The Mayor asked Mr. Fonnesbeck to the table to discuss the City's waste management challenges. Mr. Fonnesbeck stated that landfills are very expensive. It is best to have a local landfill because the further away it is the more it will cost to transport the garbage. He felt the City should do everything possible to keep prices down. A few years before the NURLA situation started the City was told that the County would have to raise rates. They agreed to hold them for that year until it was known what would happen with NURLA. He expects a rate increase if things stay the way they are. As soon as a new cell is required, the cost will go way up. The smaller amount of garbage going into that cell the higher the cost. The cost of a cell and to line that cell are so expensive that they have to try and put as much garbage in it as possible to make it affordable. The best thing for Brigham City is to operate the landfill that is already sited and in place. New landfills are extremely difficult to deal with, so when there is already one sited and there is the potential for growth, everything should be done to keep it close. If it is too far away a transfer station will be needed. He added that once the City has to go somewhere that is privately owned, the City loses control. At least through the County the City has a little bit of control. Mayor Christensen said she felt this was the key to this proposal, that it keeps it under the control of Box Elder County. There would be an interlocal agreement between the entities involved. Mr. Rich said this is what continues to drive his community to continue to be interested in this. Having a municipally owned landfill is what ultimately drives the cost.

Mr. Rich said the other members of NURLA are very interested in working with Box Elder County, rather than working outside of Box Elder. They are trying to work with the Commission to come up with a proposal. They are asking for support of the process.

Councilmember Reese Jensen felt it was premature to have an in depth discussion on this because there is nothing to approve. However, he did support taking this to the public. The Council cannot take any action without a formal proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Crime Report

Chief Tittensor gave a report on the crimes for 2008 compared to 2002-2007. (See attached)

Discussion on Commuter Rail

Mr. Larsen gave a presentation on the future location of a commuter rail station in Brigham City. The City is recommending the rail station be located at 800 West and 200 South vs a station at 1100 South for several reasons:

- ◆ If it were placed on 1100 South it would harm the potential for a station in Willard because the ideal separation for stations is five miles. From the proposed station in Willard to 200 South is just under six miles; 1100 South site to the Willard site is just over four miles. From 1100 South to 200 South is less than two miles, so it is highly unlikely both stations will be built.
- ◆ It takes the same amount of time to drive from Logan to the 1100 South vs the 200 South site.
- ◆ There is potential of 750 residential units in the Brigham City portion of Upland Square, with a mixture of retail, office, dining and lodging.
- ◆ The developer of Upland Square is not proposing that a station be located in this area, and the development agreement between them and Brigham City does not provide for one.
- ◆ UTA has already purchased property for a station at 200 South and 800 West based on previous studies.
- ◆ 200 South has the best balance of commuter rail functions and needs.
- ◆ It balances outbound and inbound commuting.
- ◆ It is close to the center of gravity of population and is well placed to function as the hub of the regional transit network.
- ◆ 200 South is easily accessible from throughout Box Elder and Cache County. The SR-13 and Forest Street Interchanges are both much more functional for southbound traffic than the 1100 South interchange.
- ◆ It has multiple accesses from all directions.
- ◆ The transportation infrastructure is in place at 200 South and ready to go.

Mr. Larsen explained that commuter rail is mainly used by people that ride to and from work or school, not those that ride it on an occasional basis for shopping or visiting.

Councilmember Marabella said he has had some citizens approach him and ask why the City is supporting the 200 South site. It will compete with the high school with young drivers coming and going, increase traffic in that area and the problem with the railroad crossing on Forest Street. He felt that the City should remain very open minded. He has been a supporter of this, but he also listens to the citizens and they are not agreeing with the 200 South site. This site was picked and a lot of money and time was put into it, but 1100 South was not being considered for development at that time. 1100 South would take a lot of the traffic from 200 South and protect the young drivers. He also felt that it doesn't matter for the employees of the industrial businesses whether the station is at 200 South or 1100 South because they will go wherever the station is.

Mr. Larsen said a lot of effort went into the 2007 vote and there was a lot of public input prior to that and a lot of this was explained at that time. But since then, maybe there has not been enough public communication. He said there is the perception that there will be an influx of traffic from Cache Valley. There will be a few buses in the morning and a few buses in the evening, and a few that will travel in their own vehicle. Councilmember Ericson added that the UTA study that was done indicated that 200 South was the best site. This was done by an objective party. Neither Brigham City nor Perry really had a say in where it will go.

Councilmember Ruth Jensen asked if there will be a UTA bus route from 1100 South. Mr. Larsen said there is already a bus route on 1100 South. In the short term, the 200 South property will be used as a Park and Ride for the bus.

Councilmember Reese Jensen felt that the City should not assume just because we started first and so much work has been done that it is the right thing. He has also heard from citizens about 1100 South and felt the City owes it to the public to educate them and tell them more than "we started first."

Mayor Christensen said it is important that the communities in Northern Utah show a united front to UTA. Otherwise, commuter rail could be pushed out further into the future.

MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Alternate Work Schedule

Mr. Roberts reported that on January 16, 2009 approved departments transitioned to the Alternate Work Schedule (AWS). The work week ending period changed to noon on Friday. All supervisors were educated on how the transition would affect employees. Written work plans showing how all City Council criteria would be met were required from all departments, and all plans were reviewed and approved by management. New time cards were issued to all employees. He reported that the transition week went very smoothly. Payroll was processed without any significant processing time. Directors did an excellent job educating their employees to the processes and reviewing the time cards to eliminate errors. In fact, during the last payroll, there was a record low number of errors on time cards. The Directors have done a great job controlling this. Employee feedback on the AWS has been very positive. The only negative comment they received was that some employees wanted to change their schedule but were unable to meet the preset conditions. The general consensus of those working the AWS is that it is more productive. The hour in the morning without City Hall being opened gives employees time uninterrupted by citizens. On the every other Friday employees work there are fewer meetings and distractions and more work being accomplished. The schedule has not been in effect long enough to know if there will be a positive budget impact.

Making Life Better Video

A Making Life Better video was presented showing what all departments do for the citizens of Brigham City. This will be shown throughout the community.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cancellation of April 16th Council Meeting

Due to the Utah League of Cities and Town Conference April 15-17, there will not be a quorum for the April 16 Council meeting, therefore this meeting was cancelled.

Bennett Rural Conference

Mayor Christensen reminded the Council that Senator Bennett's Rural Business Conference will be held on April 17. There will be a luncheon at Maddox where Senator Bennett will speak.

CLAIMS

Payment Register

Councilmember Marabella moved to approve General Claims dated March 4, 2009 in the amount of \$884,222.09; March 18, 2009 for \$105,334.73, and Miscellaneous Claims dated March 4, 2009 for \$197,608.45. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.